## IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL ACTION – LAW

IN RE: EXTENSION OF TIME FOR ABSENTEE : NO. 2020-003416

AND MAIL-IN BALLOTS TO BE RECEIVED :

BY MAIL AND COUNTED IN THE 2020 :

PRIMARY ELECTION :

## **SCHEDULING ORDER**

AND NOW, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, upon consideration of the Emergency Motion of the Delaware County Board of Elections for Clarification of June 2, 2020 Court Order for Ballots Delivered to the Delaware County Elections Bureau by the Post Office after June 2, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. and before June 9, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., but not bearing a Postmark, it is ORDERED and DECREED that a hearing on this emergent pleading will be held on WEDNESDAY JUNE 17, 2020, at 1:30 p.m., in COURTROOM 9, Delaware County Courthouse, Media, Pennsylvania.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Petitioners **SHALL** arrange to have this order PROMPTLY posted on the Delaware County general website and the Delaware County Bar Association website immediately upon receipt of this scheduling order and be prepared to present the court at the time of the hearing (June 17, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.) a certification that such postings have occurred.

It is additionally **ORDERED** that copies of this order **SHALL** be **PROMPTLY** posted about the Delaware County Courthouse, including but no limited to the county complex entry doors, the Delaware County Office of Judicial Support, the Court Administrator's Office, and the Bureau of Elections, as well as **TIMELY** posted on the court's website.

To assure compliance with safety and operational protocols' and directives brought about by COVID 19 public health crisis and the efficient administration of justice, the court calls attention to the following requirements described in greater detail in the Civil Section Protocols as previously issued by the Court and modified consistent with the pending petition's alleged emergent nature and related scheduling:

No later than JUNE 16, 2020 at 12:00 P.M., if anyone participating in this proceeding would like to appear by some manner of advanced communication technology ('ACT"), you MUST notify the court via the chambers of the presiding judge of the same so that all necessary arrangements can be made through the court's Legal Audio-Visual Department.

No later than JUNE 16, 2020 at 12:00 P.M., you MUST provide the court through the chambers of the presiding judge with a list naming ALL REASONABLY EXPECTED PERSONS (e.g. parties, counsel, any witnesses, interpreters, and/or health aides) WHO WILL BE PRESENT IN PERSON to participate in the proceeding. If such a list is not received by the court in a timely fashion per that instructed immediately above, those parties, counsel, witnesses, interpreters, and/or health aides may not be permitted to enter the courthouse on the day of the proceeding (June 17, 2020 AT 1:30 p.m.)

The parties and their counsel should plan to arrive at the courthouse approximately thirty (30) minutes before the start of this listing to allow time to process through courthouse security and the mandated health screening. Do not arrive earlier than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time as you will not then be permitted entry.

Special Provisions for Witnesses. If you intend to call only one (1) or two (2) witnesses during the proceeding, these witnesses may arrive at the same time as the parties and counsel – thirty (30) minutes before the start of your proceeding. Should you intend to call more than (2) witnesses for this hearing, the additional witnesses MUST remain outside the courthouse, but in the near vicinity to await telephonic/text contact to enter the courthouse for purposes of their testimonial appearance.

**ALL** individuals entering the courthouse **MUST** undergo and successfully pass a Coronavirus health assessment and follow **ALL** state and federal governmental directives aimed at mitigating the

spread of COVID-19, including but not limited to at all times while in the courthouse the wearing of face mask and practicing social distancing.

BY THE COURT:

Nusrat J. Rashid